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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64406

Kazuyoshi KAWASAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/831,509

Group Art Unit: 1713

Confirmation No.: 5657

Examiner: WILSON, Donald R.

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For: FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMER AND COMPOSITION THEREOF FOR
CROSSLINKING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated
January 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

Sub C1
2 (Amended) A fluorine-containing rubber composition for crosslinking, which
comprises a fluorine-containing elastomer having carboxyl group at an end of a trunk chain
and/or branched chain as a crosslinkable group.